

Application No. 10/786,034
Amendment dated September 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action of June 13, 2006

Docket No.: 4686-0104P

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are now pending in this application.

Claim 5 has been amended and claims 6 and 13-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has noted the election requirement. The non-elected claims 13-19 have now been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional application to these non-elected claims at a later time is so desired.

Claims 5, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 (a, e) as being anticipated by Chen. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Todd et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 stands stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Armstrong. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner considers claims 6 and 8 to contain allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. Also, claims 1-4 are gratefully acknowledged as containing allowable subject matter. The limitations from claim 6 have now been incorporated into claim 5. As such, this claim 5 and its dependent claims should be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the prior art rejections is respectfully requested.

Because the additional documents cited by the Examiner have been included merely to show the state of the prior art and have not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents should be necessary at this time.

The instant application should now be in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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